



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Chentsau Ying et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/991,166

FILED: November 16, 2001

FOR: METHOD OF REDUCING PARTICULATES  
IN A PLASMA ETCH CHAMBER  
DURING A METAL ETCH PROCESS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1765

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§ EXAMINER: L. Vinh

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§ Attorney Docket No.:

§ AM-5630.P1

Date: April 22, 2004

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND  
REVISED AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111  
AND DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response of May 8, 2004. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, applicant is submitting a Revised Amendment "A". The original Amendment "A" was submitted on March 18, 2004, and the present amendment differs from the original Amendment "A" only in that, on page 8 of this Revised Amendment "A", the text of cancelled Claim 31 has been deleted. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is also enclosed herewith.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10**

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. ER452509585US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: April 22, 2004

Shirley L. Church, Reg. No. 31,858

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	64	minus	64	=	0	x \$18.00	\$ 00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	minus	7	=	0	x \$86.00	\$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0			\$290.00	\$ 00.00
						TOTAL FEE DUE	\$ 00.00

Also transmitted herewith is a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 CFR § 1.131, which was previously submitted with applicants' original Amendment "A". Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the submission of a Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131.

In the transmittal letter that accompanied applicants' original Amendment "A", applicants authorized the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$ 492.00, in payment of the fee of \$ 420.00 for a Two Month Extension of Time, and the fee of \$ 72.00 for additional claims, to Deposit Account 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this Revised Amendment "A", because it is being submitted within the one-month time period set forth on the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. However, if a fee is due in addition to the fee paid with the first submission of Amendment "A", the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley L. Church", is written over a horizontal line.

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